

Minutes of the Suffield Economic Development Commission
April 17, 2014 – Town Hall – 8:30 a.m.

Members present: Howard Orr, Gloria Smith, Caroline D'Otreppe, Roger Tracy
Also present: First Selectman Ed McAnaney, EDC Director Patrick McMahon, Town Planner Bill Hawkins
Guest: Scout Jerry Sharp

Chairman Howard Orr called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Minutes of the March 20, 2014 meeting - Ms. Smith moved to approve the minutes of the March 20 EDC meeting; Mr. Tracy seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Citizen Comment: None

Ffyer Place Redevelopment

EDC Director Patrick McMahon introduced Mr. Tyde Richards, of Forest Park Development Group, and Mr. Phil Marshall, of Commercial Sales & Leasing, Mr. Larry Laurenno and Mr. Andrew Laurenno. Mr. Richards presented to the Commission, a conceptual proposal of use for a parcel of land on Ffyer Place. Mr. Orr thanked Mr. Richards for attending and the proposal presentation.

Light Industrial Development

Mr. McMahon reported that Trevisan, a manufacturing company plans for building a 21,000 sq. ft. facility on the corner of Boston Neck Street and Route #75 has been approved and is seeking Bradley Development Zone incentives through the Airport Authority.

The Utility Expansion project has signed a contract with Cardinal Engineering for the utility expansion on Route #75. The project is progressing.

Director's Report

Mr. McMahon reported that the Town has applied for a grant of \$500,000; \$250,000 for Babbs Beach, and \$250,000 for Hilltop Farm from OPM. The Town also has applied for a grant of \$800,000 to Small Cities Community Development Block for modernization improvements to its public senior housing complex on Bridge Street. Immediate capital improvement needs include roof replacements, driveway repairs, kitchen and bathroom upgrades. The Kent Memorial Library project has all the local approvals in place. Bids will go out in late spring. The Bradley Development League is funding a \$54,000 study to consider the feasibility and options for a rail link connection to Bradley International Airport.

The First Selectman announced building projects that will be undertaken by the Town: The extensive renovations of Town Hall to begin July 1, the Kent Memorial Library project, and the replacement of three school roofs. Funding is in place.

Suffield signs

Mr. Tracy has inspected all the Town of Suffield signs and noted the needed refurbishment of the sign on East Street and the sign across from the Enfield Bridge. Mr. Tracy was directed to proceed with the necessary repairs; funds are available.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bobbie C. Kling, Secretary EDC.April.17.2014.minutes